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— Prof. von Bischoff, the distinguished biologist, died in Munich, Dec. 5. He was born at Hanover in 1807, and having studied medicine, he became a lecturer on pathological anatomy at Heidelberg, whence he migrated to Giessen as professor of physiology. He was, however, attracted in 1854 to Munich by the King of Bavaria, and remained until his death. He was the author of important memoirs on the development of the vertebrates, especially of the dog, guinea pig, and the roebuck.

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PROCEEDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Professor Theo. Gill, the retiring president, delivered the retiring address entitled "The principles of zoo-geography." Communications were made by Dr. Elliott Coues on zoölogical nomenclature applied to histology; by Professor Otis T. Mason on the human fauna of the District of Columbia.

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, Jan. 22.—The following papers were read: On the treatment of sea-sickness by the trance state, by Professor Edward P. Thwing; Notes on the botany, geology and resources of Southern Texas and Chihuahua, by Dr. John S. Newberry.

Jan. 29.—The following paper was presented: The decay of the building-stones of New York City (with lantern illustrations from American and foreign architecture), by Dr. Alexis A. Julien.

Feb. 5.—The following papers were read: On a large mass of Cretaceous amber, from the marl of Gloucester county, N. J., by Mr. George F. Kunz; Remarks concerning the recently discovered reticulated structure of living matter, and the "bioplasson doctrine," by Mr. Romyn Hitchcock.

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB, Boston, Jan. 10.—Mr. Wm. C. Bates read a paper on Jamaica mountain scenery.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY, Jan. 17.—Dr. S. Kneeland spoke of the native races of the Philippines and Indian ocean.

Feb. 7.—Dr. M. E. Wadsworth gave some instances of atmospheric action on sandstone. Mr. Lucien Carr discussed the social and political position of woman among the Huron-Iroquois tribes; and Mr. John A. Jeffries spoke of the dermal appendages of birds.